

# **CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MARCH 17, 2014**

**WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**400 PHENIX AVENUE, CRANSTON, RI 02920**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 P.M.**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC MEETING**

## **AGENDA**

**1. Call to order- 6:00 p.m. Convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws -**

**2. PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel:**

**3. PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining:**

**A. Contract Negotiations' Update(s)=**

**B. (Secretaries)**

**C. (Teachers)**

**D. (Teacher Assistants)**

**E. (Bus Drivers, Mechanics)**

**F. (Tradespeople)**

**G. (Custodians)**

**4. PL 42-46-5(3)**

**A. District Safety Plan**

## **B. Discussion of Buildings Report**

**5. Call to Order – Public Session**

**6. Roll Call – Quorum**

**7. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – March 17, 2014**

**8. Minutes of Previous Meetings Approved – February 10 and February 17, 2014**

**9. Public Acknowledgements/Communications**

**10. Chairperson's Communications**

**11. Superintendent's Communications**

**12. School Committee Member Communications**

**13. Public Hearing**

**a. Students (Agenda/Non-Agenda Matters)**

**b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)**

**14. Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda**

**15. Action Calendar/Action Agenda**

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Sponsored by the Janice Ruggieri**

**NO. 14-3-1 Whereas, students from all over Rhode Island auditioned to participate in the 2014 Rhode Island Music Educators Association All-State Ensembles , and**

**Whereas, students from the Cranston Public Schools have distinguished themselves as musicians for their selection to and participation in the 2014 Rhode Island Music Educators Association All-State Ensembles, and**

**Whereas, the following fine musicians will perform with the All-State Ensembles on Sunday, March 23, 2014, at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence:**

**Be it RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee extend its congratulations to all of these students:**

**Junior Division All-State Concert Band: Eleanor Trimm; Junior Division All-State Symphonic Band: Lia Dietrich; Junior Division All-State Jazz Ensemble: Ryan Sullivan; Junior Division All-State Orchestra: Matthew Fryer, Angelina Gudoshnik, Laney Kong, Jacob Meyerson and Alex Norberg.; Junior Division All-State Treble Chorus: Theresa Brown, Maguire Collins, Madeleine DePardo, Mackenzie Blake, Carrie Minassian, and Lauren St. Jean; Junior Division All-State Mixed Chorus: Savanna Lincoln, Charles Pisaturo and Victoria Soucy.**

**Senior Division Women's Chorus: Danielle Dottor, Angelia Field and Briana Stewart; Senior Division All-State Mixed Chorus: Neni Benzan, Vincent Brooks, Jeffrey Guardado, Kristen Huettemann, Dashesky Pena and Jahaziel Zapata; Senior Division All-State Band: Taylor**

**Koretsky and David Rainone; Senior Division All-State Orchestra:  
Alina Joharjian, Jessica Leung, Andrew Oung, Ted Paola, Emma  
Paolella, Vladimir Vezikov and Peter Xiong.**

**Be it further RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution signed by the  
members of the Cranston School Committee be presented to each  
successful student**

## **PERSONNEL**

**NO 14-3-2 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the  
Superintendent, the following certified staff member be granted a  
leave of absence without compensation as provided in Article XIX,  
Section F of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School  
Committee and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance:**

**Helen Jones, Teacher**

**Cranston East**

**Effective Date...August, 2014 to August 31, 2015**

**NO 14-3-3 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the  
Superintendent, the following certified staff member be granted a  
leave of absence without compensation as provided in Article XIX,  
Section B.4 of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School  
Committee and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance:**

**Lisa Reed, Teacher**

**Arlington**

**Effective Date...June 2014 to August 2015**

**NO 14-3-4 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following certified personnel be accepted:**

**Rachel Knowlton, Teacher**

**Cranston East**

**Effective Date...March 7, 2014**

**NO 14-3-5 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual(s) be appointed as an athletic coach:**

**Clem Soscia, Assistant Coach Girls' Outdoor Track**

**CHSW**

**Step-7**

**Class-D**

**Paying Competition-High School/College**

**Experience-Assistant Coach Girls' Indoor Track**

**Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid**

**Michael Soscia, Head Coach Girls' Lacrosse**

**CHSW**

**Step-7**

**Class-B**

**Playing Competition-High School & College**

**Experience- Former Cranston West Head Coach Girls' Lacrosse**

**Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPRAEDFirst Aid**

**Michael Boyajian, Head Coach Boys' Tennis**

**CHSW**

**Step-7**

**Class-B**

**Playing Competition-High School & College**

**Experience-Cranston East Girls' Tennis Coach**

**Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPRAEDFirst Aid**

**Kayla Cilley, Assistant Coach Girls' Softball**

**CHSE**

**Step-3**

**Class-C**

**Playing Competition-High SchoolCollege**

**Experience-Cranston East Assistant Coach Field Hockey**

**Certification-RI Coaches Certification;CPRAEDFirst Aid**

**Jeremy Scherer, Head Coach Girls' Soccer**

**CHSW**

**Step-7**

**Class-B**

**Playing Competition-High School**

**Experience-Several Levels**

**Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPRAEDFirst Aid**

**NO 14-3-6 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual(s) be reappointed as an athletic coach:**

**Cranston High School East**

**Michael Walsh- Head Baseball Coach**

**Raymond Rotondo- Assistant Baseball Coach**

**Robert Labanca-Head Girls' Outdoor Track Coach**

**Dina Cesana-Assistant Girls' Outdoor Track Coach**

**Robert Bouchard- Head Boys'Outdoor Track Coach**

**Carl Bishop-Assistant Boys' Outdoor Track Coach**

**Paul Bessette- Head Girls' Softball Coach**

**Richard Perrotta, Head Boys' Tennis Coach**

**James Creamer, Head Boys' Lacrosse Coach**

**Matthew Davis, Assistant Boys' Lacrosse Coach**

**Thomas Ferri, Head Boys' Volleyball Coach**

**Howard Chun, Head Girls' Lacrosse Coach**

**Scott Maynard, Assistant Girls' Lacrosse Coach**

**Michael Rachiele, Head Unified Basketball Coach**

**John Palumbo, Head Coed Golf Coach**

## **Cranston High School West**

**Rob Malo- Head Boys' Baseball Coach**

**Corey Capirchio-Assistant Boys' Baseball Coach**

**Jeff Smith-Head Girls' Softball Coach**

**David Kenneally, Assistant Girls' Softball Coach**

**Keith Croft-Head Boys' Outdoor Track Coach**

**Thomas Aronne, Assistant Boys' Outdoor Track Coach**

**Chris Sullivan-Head Coed Golf Coach**

**Joseph Salimeno, Assistant Coed Golf Coach**

**Sheila Lagasse-Head Girls' Outdoor Track Coach**

**Jaime Ferretti- Assistant Girls' Lacrosse Coach**

**Jared Zimmer, Head Boys' Lacrosse Coach**

**Michael Boyajian, Jr. Assistant Boys' Lacrosse Coach**

**James Lucas- Assistant Boys' Tennis Coach**

**Roger Tow, Head Boys' Volleyball Coach**

**Ralph Sacco, Assistant Boys' Volleyball Coach**

**Matthew Reis, Head Unified Basketball Coach**

**NO 14-3-7 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be appointed as volunteer coaches:**

**Cranston High School West**



## **Fallon Scorpio/Softball**

**NO 14-3-8 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coach (es) be accepted:**

**Gerard Marzilli, Assistant Coach Boys' Basketball**

**Cranston West**

**Effective Date...February 27, 2014**

**NO. 14-3-9 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed:**

**Janet Caramadre, Teacher Assistant**

**Glen Hills**

**Effective Date...February 24, 2014**

**Authorization...Replacement**

**Fiscal Note...12846020 51110**

**Susan Hartley, Confidential Executive Administrative Assistant**

**School Committee**

**Effective Date...February 26, 2014**

**Authorization...Replacement**

**Fiscal Note... 1956200 51110**

**Danielle Lavoie, Site Coordinator**

**Bain + 2**

**Effective Date...March 10, 2014**

**Authorization...Replacement**

**Fiscal Note...82815150 51308**

**Janet DelSanto, CNA Instructor**

**CACTC**

**Effective Date...March 8, 2014**

**Authorization...New**

**Fiscal Note...519741110 51111**

**Sheree Bailey, Assistant Site Coordinator**

**Kidsventure (Gladstone)**

**Effective Date...March 10, 2014**

**Authorization...Replacement**

**Fiscal Note...51719151 51308**

**John Gallagher, Bus Driver**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...March 17, 2014**

**Authorization...Replacement**

**Fiscal Note...12645190 51110**

**NO 14-3-10 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified staff member be granted a**

**leave of absence without compensation as provided in Article X, Section C of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance:**

**Deborah Leavitt, Bus Aide**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...March 21, 2014 to August 31, 2014**

**NO 14-3-11 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:**

**Esta Avedisian, Teacher Assistant**

**Park View**

**Effective Date...June 30, 2014**

**NO 14-3-12 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:**

**Vanida Phrathep, Site Coordinator**

**Bain + 2**

**Effective Date...February 21, 2014**

**Jose Adames, Bus Driver**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...February 24, 2014**

**Beth Bruneau, Teacher Assistant**

**Hope Highlands**

**Effective Date...April 2, 2014**

## **BUSINESS**

**NO 14-3-13 RESOLVED, that the Five-Year Capital Budget plan which begins in the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.**

**NO 14-3-14 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Cranston School Committee accepts the school districts 2012-2013 Financial Audit as presented in the Auditor's report for the year ended June 30, 2012.**

**NO 14-3-15 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Cranston School Committee accepts the school districts 2012-2013 Federal Single Audit for the year ended June 30, 2012.**

**NO 14-3-16 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Cranston School Committee accepts the school district's Letter of Observation and Recommendations (Management Letter) for the year ended June 30, 2013.**

**NO 14-3-17 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Cranston School Committee accepts the school district's Communication of Matters Prescribed by Statement of Auditing Standards #114 for the year ended June 30, 2013.**

**NO 14-3-18 RESOLVED, that the 2014-2105 Capital Budget in the amount of \$1.3 Million Dollars, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved:**

**Fire Code Projects**

**Oak Lawn Elementary School**

**Edgewood Highlands Elementary School**

**Bain Middle School**

**Cranston High School West**

**PURCHASED AND PURCHASED SERVICES**

**RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:**

**NO 14-3-19 District-wide internet services and participation in the E-rate reimbursement process be approved for OSHEAN as our service provider for the 2014-2015 year at a cost of \$60,000 of which approximately \$37,800 will be reimbursed by e-rate.**

**NO 14-3-20 Be it RESOLVED to accept the Rhode Island Department**

**of Education Wireless Classroom Grant Agreement. This grant will award the NEL and CPS Construction and Career Academy a total of \$30,381.85 and is to be used to create a districtwide wireless classroom solution.**

**NO 14-3-21 Be it further RESOLVED to accept the proposed solution submitted by ePlus Technology, Inc., Cisco/Meraki. ePlus Technology, Inc. who will be the Cranston Public Schools' vendor for the implementation of this grant.**

## **POLICY AND PROGRAM**

**NO 14-3-22 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent the following field trip(s) of long duration/conference(s) be authorized:**

**1. Joseph Balducci, Chief Financial Officer, to travel to San Diego, California from May 8-May 9, 2014 to attend the 2014 NLC-RISC Trustees Conference at no cost to the School Department. All expenses will be paid for by the Rhode Island Inter-Local Risk Management Trust Organization. Please see the attached conference form and back up information.**

**2. Michele Simpson, Acting Director, Pupil Personnel Services, to travel to Lake Buena Vista, Florida May 4-May 7, 2014 to attend 35th LRP Annual Institute on legal issues of Education Individuals with**

**Disabilities. All expenses will be paid for by IDEA Grant. Please see attached conference and registration form.**

**3. Sandi Matoian-Heard, Special Education Administrator, to travel to Lake Buena Vista, Florida May 4-May 7, 2014 to attend 35th LRP Annual Institute on legal issues of Education Individuals with Disabilities. All expenses will be paid for by IDEA Grant. Please see attached conference and registration form.**

**4. Lisa Abbott, Special Education Administrator, to travel to Lake Buena Vista, Florida May 4-May 7, 2014 to attend 35th LRP Annual Institute on legal issues of Education Individuals with Disabilities. All expenses will be paid for by IDEA Grant. Please see attached conference and registration form.**

**NO 14-3-23 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2014-2015 School Calendar be adopted.**

**16. Public Hearing on Non-Agenda Items**

**17. Announcement of Future Meeting(s) – April 9 and April 14, 2014**

**18. Adjournment**

**School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairperson in advance.**

**Interested persons and the public at large, upon advance notice, will be given a fair opportunity to be heard at said meeting on the items proposed on the agenda.**

**Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Superintendent's Office at 270-8170 72 hours in advance of hearing date.**

**Any changes in the agenda pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6(e) will be posted on the school district's website at [www.cpsed.net](http://www.cpsed.net), Cranston Public Schools' administration building, 845 Park Ave., Cranston, RI; and Cranston City Hall, 845 Park Ave., Cranston, RI and will be electronically filed with the Secretary of State at least forty-eight hours (48) in advance of the meeting.**

**Notice posted: March 14, 2014**